

MARION ART COUNCIL MINUTES

November 14, 2017, 5:30 P.M.
Lowe Park Art and Environment Center

ROLL CALL: Fuf Renfer, Angie Pierce Jennings, Brenda Kowalsky, Jane Strnad Nelson, Dennis Frevert

ABSENT: Pat Schmidt, Charlene Briggs

STAFF: Mary Ann Bries

GUESTS: Jay Moore

Minutes

Jane motioned to approve the October 10 minutes, Angie seconded, all in favor.

Sculpture Committee

The dedication and reception for the new pieces will be Saturday, November 18 from 1 to 3 p.m. The event will begin at 1 p.m. with a ribbon cutting at 1:30 followed by short introductions and comments from dignitaries. Both artist, Reinaldo Correa and J. Aaron Alderman, will do a presentation on their art piece. The reception will be held in the Oaks with Art Council supplying the refreshments. Both artist emailed their bio sheets to Brenda. Mary Ann will print out 30 copies of each to be shared at the dedication. Brenda will provide a layout map of the room so Tony Ireland can set the room after his event on Friday evening.

Exhibits

John Thomas L. Richard, a pottery and 3D artist, and Doug Knutson, a retired graphic design artist, are exhibiting in November/December/January. The reception was held November 9 with 30 people attending. This exhibit will go until Saturday, February 3. The February exhibit will be with Mt. Mercy University and Kirkwood Community College. Sue Biedeen, a painter, and Kyle Sydney Powell, a photographer, will exhibit March 3 to May 5. Their reception will be March 15.

Excelsior Middle School is the November student exhibit. The reception was held Thursday, November 6 from 5:30 to 6:30 p.m. with 25 people attending.

Coffeehouse Night

The dates for the remaining 2017-18 Coffeehouse Nights are December 1, February 2, March 2, and April 6. Tom's Guitar, Tom Nothnagle, performed on November 10 with 45 people enjoying his performance. The December 1 performer will be Anji Kat. Angie is working on the performers for the remaining Coffeehouse Nights.

Dennis discussed switching the bulbs for the stage lights used at Coffeehouse Nights to LED light bulbs and the cost associated with it. The council decided to stay with the same type of light bulbs currently used. Mary Ann will order 2 more replacement light bulbs for the stage lights for future use.

Storing the Art Council card tables in the Oaks closet is not an option due to renters using them. Fuf mentioned they used a cart to bring the tables to the Oaks and that seemed to work well.

The council decided posting the Coffeehouse Nights posters on the City's websites and various places in the community was enough publicizing of the events.

Picnic on the Prairie Spring Concert

Angie is looking into a performer for the Spring Picnic. Couple of the performers Angie thought would be exciting to have were over the amount budgeted.

Budget

Fuf and Jane will measure the art work hangers and look into cost of ordering from Dick Blinks.

The budget has \$120 for new tablecloths. Dennis suggested getting a different color to compliment the gold tablecloths due to the new tablecloths not being from the same gold lot. Council decided on burgundy colored tablecloths.

The council decided to wait with purchasing the portable art display panels until final details on the new library project are decided.

Old Business

The response to Pat's question from the last meeting regarding sculptures at other City Department building is each department is responsible for any sculptures they would like at their building.

Mary Ann checked on the committee Kate Lowe Lancaster is on regarding the new Irish Drive entrance project. Katie is on the fundraising committee for the all-inclusive playground equipment. The Art Council would be involved if it is decided to have an art sculptures at the entrance.

New Business

The Art Council has been asked to review the art pieces that have been donated or purchased and their value as stated on the insurance statement. The council stated the value listed is what the artist assigned to the piece when it was donated. Mary Ann will check on how the value effects the premium paid.

Mary Ann reminded the council the new brochure is in the process of being updated with 2018 information. The Art Council needs to let her know of any changes on the Art Council page. Brenda suggested including information regarding the new Sculpture Trail sculptures. Dennis thought it would look better on Coffeehouse Night performers that are not known to have "Save the Date" verses "To be determined". Jay noticed the brochure says Coffeehouse Nights begin in October each year and run through April with one performance each month. It was suggested to change the wording since there are no Coffeehouse Nights in January. Mary Ann said she will pass these suggestions on to Tony Ireland.

Adjournment

The meeting adjourned at 6:43 p.m.

**Next meeting - Tuesday, December 12, at 5:30 p.m.
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